DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship to co-host EcoPaddle Saturday, June 22 in Laurel

BLADES — DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship, in conjunction with the Reclaim Our River (ROR) Nanticoke team, invites the public to participate in the EcoPaddle on BroadCreek. The EcoPaddle will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at Roger C. Fisher Park, West 6th Street, Laurel, DE 19956. Rain date is Sunday, June 23.

Broad Creek is one of the Nanticoke River's larger tributaries and boasts a rich natural and cultural history. During the guided morning paddle along a portion of the tidal creek, EcoPaddle participants will discover the flora, fauna, and history of the area and its inhabitants. Afterwards, paddlers can enjoy lunch and learn more about the ROR partnership, and what is being done by the partnership, including the Division of Watershed Stewardship, to improve water quality in the Nanticoke Watershed.

Participants must be at least 8 years of age and all participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants are encouraged to bring their own kayak or canoe. A limited number of kayaks and canoes are available for use on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Registration fees of \$10 help cover the costs of lunch and equipment, including rental kayaks and canoes. Participants can request a refund and cancel their registration up to 72 hours before the paddle. Otherwise, fees are non-refundable. To register, click here.

For more information on the EcoPaddle, please email Beth

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This event is sponsored by the ROR Partnership, including DNREC, Delaware Nature Society, and Nanticoke Watershed Alliance.

The ROR-Nanticoke Series, a program designed to bring more water quality-oriented events, workshops, and recreational opportunities to the Nanticoke River watershed. The ROR program offers information on reducing nutrient and sediment pollution and improving water quality, promotes public access to waterways and provides recreational opportunities as a way to connect residents to their waterways and inspire them to make improvements. For more information on the ROR program, please visit de.gov/nps.

For more information on the Reclaim Our River Partnership, please call Philip Miller at 302-739-9922 or email Philip.Miller@delaware.gov.

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